

**The First Post Houses.**

The first posts are said to have originated in the regular couriers established by Cyrus about 550 B. C., who erected post houses throughout the kingdom of Persia. Augustus was the first to introduce this institution among the Romans, 31 B. C., and he was imitated by Charlemagne about 800 A. D. Louis XI. was the first sovereign to establish post houses in France owing to his eagerness for news, and they were also the first institution of this nature in Europe. This was in 1470, or about 2000 years after they were started in Persia.

In England in the reign of Edward IV. (1461) riders on post horses went stages of the distance of twenty miles from each other in order to procure the king the earliest intelligence of the events that passed in the course of the war that had arisen with the Scots. A proclamation was issued by Charles I. in 1633, that, "whereas to this time there hath been no certain intercourse between the kingdoms of England and Scotland, the king now commands his postmaster of England for foreign parts to settle a running post or two between Edinburgh and London to go thither and come back again in six days."

**Helter Skelter.**

"Helter skelter" has been suggestedly defined as a jingling expression, vaguely imitating the hurried clatter of feet rapidly and irregularly moved.

Most dictionaries, however, led astray probably by the ordinary orthography, have missed the true etymology of this phrase. It should be "helter skeler."

"Helter" is an old word for "hang," probably connected with halter, and "skeler" is used by old writers in the sense of "order" or the proper state.

Titus Burrow, the divine, says, "If the organs of prayer be out of helter how can we pray?"

"Helter skeler," therefore, is literally "hang order" and means, "Oh, hang order; let us do it, or let it take its chance." Ben Jonson in "Every Man In His Humor" writes, "Helter skeler, hang sorrow, care'll kill a cat," and Shakespeare, using it to express rush and hurry, says, "Helter skeler have I rode to thee."

**Understand His Art.**

Baron von Steuben was the drillmaster of the Continental army at Valley Forge. At first the men in the ranks did not know the manual exercises, many of the officers knew little or nothing of maneuvering. One of the latter turned out for inspection in a dressing gown. "Himmel und erde!" cried the baron. "What kind of creature is this?" Baron von Steuben was choleric and profane, but he understood his art. He swore at the ragged Continentals in both German and French, but he taught them the value of drill and discipline. When he had exhausted all the French and German oaths he knew he would roar to his aid, "Come here, Herr Hauptmann, and help me curse these blockheads." But he turned the undisciplined militia into well drilled troops. Never again was the enemy able to laugh at "Mr. Washington's rotten regiments of ragamuffins."

**Burial by Degrees.**

The few old ex-slaves now left in the West Indies have many curious customs, but the most curious is that of burying themselves on the installment plan. When they comb their hair they are careful not to pull more hairs from the head than they can help. Those which come away they roll into a ball and put into a bag of white muslin. They do the same with the parings of their nails and any other portions of their anatomy which become detached. When the bag is full they bury it. If asked why they do this they reply, "When we die, massa, you bury me body. My hair am part of my body. so me bury it now when it dead."

**A Nickname For Barrett.**

Lawrence Barrett, the tragedian, was subject to dyspepsia, and when he was suffering from that disorder he was cold and distant toward his company. One irreverent fellow always refused, however, to be suppressed. He said one day: "Just look at Cassius. He looks as solemn and righteous as if he'd swallowed the sword of justice. Let's call him the Scabbard." And the Scabbard was out of his hearing—for the rest of that season.

**An Instigation.**

"What I want," said the coy maid of more or less uncertain years, "is a hat that will suit my complexion."

"Oh," exclaimed the milliner, with sudden inspiration. "I have a hand painted hat in the window that I'm sure will be just what you want."

Chattanooga News.

**Disappointed.**

"He—I hear that your engagement is broken."

Feminine—Yes; he acted horribly. He—but I thought that you broke it?

Feminine—So I did, but he made absolutely no fuss about it.—Yale Record.

**A Test.**

"He has been mentioned as a candidate for office very frequently."

"Yes," answered Farmer Cornettsel.

"The only trouble is that every time somebody mentions him the other fellers laugh."—Washington Star.

**His Opinion.**

"Yes, he's a confirmed bachelor. He thinks there is safety in numbers."

"Safety in numbers?"

"Yes. He says two run a good deal better when they become one."—New York Times.

**A Walk On.**

Harry looking at his whitened coat sleeve—"That isn't much of a compliment to Carrie's complexion."

"Well—I should say not. It's a regular take off.—Boston Transcript.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

As required by an act entitled "An act to provide for submitting proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State, so that the people thereof may have an opportunity to enable the electors qualified to vote for members of the Legislature to vote for or against each of the proposed amendments to the Constitution."

S. D. DICKINSON,  
Secretary of State.

**ARTICLE V.**

JUDICIARY.

1. Insert in lieu of paragraph 11 a new section as follows:

1. The court of errors and appeals shall consist of three judges and four associate judges, and four of them shall be chosen by the electors of the State to provide to enable the electors qualified to vote for members of the Legislature to vote for or against each of the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

2. The secretary of state shall be clerk of the court of errors and appeals.

3. When a writ of error shall be brought by any judge upon a cause in favor of or against any error committed by another, the court of errors and appeals shall be constituted of three judges, and the cause shall be taken from an order or decree of the court of chancery, the chancellor or vice-chancellor, or from a judgment of the court of common law.

4. When a writ of error shall be brought by any judge upon a cause in favor of or against any error committed by another, the court of errors and appeals shall be constituted of three judges, and the cause shall be taken from an order or decree of the court of chancery, the chancellor or vice-chancellor, or from a judgment of the court of common law.

5. The jurisdiction heretofore exercised by the supreme court by writ of error shall be exclusive of the court of errors and appeals, but any writ of error pending in the supreme court at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall be proceeded upon as if no change had taken place.

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SECTION II.

1. Insert in lieu of paragraphs 1 and 2 the following:

The court of common pleas shall be constituted in each county in such manner as may be provided by law.

2. ARTICLE VII.

CIVIL OFFICERS.

SECTION II.

1. Insert in lieu of paragraph 1 a new paragraph, as follows:

1. Judges of the court of errors and appeals, justices of the supreme court, the chancellor, the vice-chancellor and the judges of the court of chancery, the court of errors and appeals in this paragraph named, except the judges of the court of errors and appeals as heretofore constituted, shall be appointed by the governor and appointed by him with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly. The judges of the court of errors and appeals shall be appointed by the governor and appointed by him with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly.

2. The judges of the court of errors and appeals, the justices of the supreme court, the chancellor, the vice-chancellor and the judges of the court of chancery, the court of errors and appeals in this paragraph named, except the judges of the court of errors and appeals as heretofore constituted, shall be appointed by the governor and appointed by him with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly.

3. The judges of the court of errors and appeals, the justices of the supreme court, the chancellor, the vice-chancellor and the judges of the court of chancery, the court of errors and appeals in this paragraph named, except the judges of the court of errors and appeals as heretofore constituted, shall be appointed by the governor and appointed by him with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly.

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5. The judges of the court of errors and appeals, the justices of the supreme court, the chancellor, the vice-chancellor and the judges of the court of chancery, the court of errors and appeals in this paragraph named, except the judges of the court of errors and appeals as heretofore constituted, shall be appointed by the governor and appointed by him with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly.

6. The judges of the court of errors and appeals, the justices of the supreme court, the chancellor, the vice-chancellor and the judges of the court of chancery, the court of errors and appeals in this paragraph named, except the judges of the court of errors and appeals as heretofore constituted, shall be appointed by the governor and appointed by him with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly.

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12. The judges of the court of errors and appeals, the justices of the supreme court, the chancellor, the vice-chancellor and the judges of the court of chancery, the court of errors and appeals in this paragraph named, except the judges of the court of errors and appeals as heretofore constituted, shall be appointed by the governor and appointed by him with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly.

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21. The judges of the court of errors and appeals, the justices of the supreme court, the chancellor, the vice-chancellor and the judges of the court of chancery, the court of errors and appeals in this paragraph named, except the judges of the court of errors and appeals as heretofore constituted, shall be appointed by the governor and appointed by him with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly.

22. The judges